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US Strategic Command observed Russia, China operating hypersonic missiles

April 19, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "The States United has observed Russia and China operating hypersonic missiles, US Strategic Command (STRATCOM) commander Gen. John Hyten told reporters.

'We observed Russia and China operating hypersonic missiles,' Hyten said on Tuesday. 'We have observed both Russia and China testing hypersonic capabilities.'

Earlier, Gen. John Hyten in his testimony before the US Senate Armed Services Committee admitted that there is nothing in the US arsenal that could stop Russia's new hypersonic weapons.

According to local media, President Trump voiced concerns in a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin over his Russian counterpart's speech about creation and deployment of ultra-long cruise missiles and nuclear torpedoes capable of overpowering all US strategic defense systems.

Gen. John Hyten also told reporters on Tuesday that the United States and Russia need more dialogue, including at the strategic level, military-to-military dialogue..."

Russia, China Develop Capabilities to Disable US Satellites, USAF Secretary Says

April 18, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "US Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson said on Tuesday that Moscow and Beijing are developing their capabilities to disrupt US satellites.

"We face a more competitive and dangerous international security environment than we have seen in decades... Russia and China are developing capabilities to disable our satellites," Wilson said at the annual Space Symposium in Colorado Springs. Wilson added that the United States would work with their allies to improve operations, enhance deterrence and defend vital national interests in space.

Russia and China have both declared their commitment to the use of space for peaceful purposes and are members of the United Nation's Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

As part of the September Xiamen declaration, the leaders of BRICS countries, including China and Russia, have called on world states to carry out peaceful exploration in outer space and in accordance with international law, stressing that outer space should remain free from any kind of weapons and use of force.

Heather Wilson also said that the United States aims to deliver the next generation missile warning satellites four years faster than originally scheduled.

"We have canceled the 7th and 8th Missile warning satellites and instead will build more survivable alternatives," Wilson said on Tuesday."..."

Miami among cities at risk from yellow fever spread : study

April 18, 2018 reuters.com reported: "Miami is at risk of a deadly yellow fever outbreak because the disease could thrive there but the city has no checks on travelers arriving from endemic zones, a study to be published by the World Health Organization showed.

Yellow fever is spread by the same mosquito that causes Zika virus, which spread through the Americas after being detected in Brazil in 2015 and has been reported in southern Florida and southern Texas.

The U.S. Centres for Disease Control advises that yellow fever is found in tropical and subtropical areas of Africa and South America, and is a very rare cause of illness in U.S. travelers.

But the study, "International travel and the urban spread of yellow fever", showed that almost 2.8 million people flew to the United States from endemic yellow fever areas in 2016.

Unlike some countries, the United States does not require travelers from such places to show proof of yellow fever vaccination.

"At a time when global yellow fever vaccine supplies are diminished, an epidemic in a densely populated city could have substantial health and economic consequences," the researchers based in Canada, the United States and Britain wrote in the study.

Around 9.5 million people live in U.S. urban areas such as Miami that are ecologically suitable for an outbreak, they wrote in the study, issued online ahead of its publication in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization.

They said climate change, mobility, urbanization and a vaccine shortage had increased the risk of yellow fever globally and they called for a review of vaccination policies."..."

Report: Israel targeted advanced Iranian air defense system in Syria strike

April 18, 2018 timesofisrael.com reported: The Times of Israel reports: "An alleged Israeli strike on an air base in central Syria on April 9 targeted a soon-to-be-deployed Iranian advanced air defense system and a drone hangar, the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The article also confirmed that several days beforehand Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu alerted the White House of the IDF's plans to carry out the strike on the T-4 air base, which killed at least seven Iranian soldiers, including a senior officer, and sparked a near unprecedented level of public threats between Tehran and Jerusalem.



The target of the April strike was a Russian-made Tor missile defense system, which is designed to ‘destroy aircraft, helicopters, drones, guided missiles and other precision weapons flying at medium, low, and extremely low altitudes, in difficult air and jamming environments,’ according to its manufacturer.

If deployed, this relatively modern air defense system, first purchased by Iran in 2007, could make it more difficult for Israel to conduct air raids in the areas where it is deployed.

The airstrike also destroyed a hangar that was being used for the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps’s drone program, according to the report...”

Iranian general: ‘Date set’ for destruction of Israel

April 17, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: srael National News reports: “An Iranian general stated that a date has been set for the destruction of Israel. Brigadier General Kioumars Heydari, the commander of the Iranian ground forces, said in a speech that Iran’s army is ‘much stronger than in the past’ and that Israel can no longer threaten the Islamic Republic.

The Iranian news agency Mehr reported that the general said that ‘the date has already been set’ for the destruction of Israel.

Heydari delivered his speech ahead of Iran’s ‘Army Day’, which will begin tomorrow (Wednesday), on the same day Israel celebrates its Independence Day. He stressed that unlike Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region, which import weapons from the West, his country produces its own weapons...”

Israel planning for direct retaliatory attack from Iran

April 17, 2018 The Jerusalem Post reported: “Israel is preparing for a direct attack from Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps in response for a strike allegedly carried out by the Jewish state against an Iranian operated airbase in Syria which killed seven IRGC soldiers.

Israel believes that the attack will be launched directly by the IRGC – and not by proxies as done before – under the command of Quds Force Commander Qassem Soleimani in the form of precision-guided missiles or armed drones from a base in Syria.

‘Israel will react strongly to any Iranian action from inside Syria,’ a senior IDF source told Sky News in Arabic, adding that Iran plans to attack Israel from Syria, gaining control of the Arab state though its air force.

Aerial photos of Iranian bases in Syria were released Tuesday morning showing that Tehran has increased the scope of its military relationship with the Assad regime under the auspices of the IRGC’s air force commander Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh...”

Machete Attack Every 90 Minutes in ‘Gun-Free’ Britain

April 16, 2018 Breitbart.com reported: “Recorded machete attacks in the UK have shot up by nearly five times in just three years, with the majority in the capital, London.



The huge number of crimes committed with the deadly, sword-like weapons means there is an average of 15 a day in the UK, or one every 90 minutes.

Figures uncovered using freedom of information requests by the Daily Mail show that police dealt with 928 crimes involving machetes in the last two months of 2017.

London saw the bulk, with 425 of the attacks. There were 99 in Greater Manchester, 77 in the West Midlands, and 29 each in Merseyside and West Yorkshire. Just three years earlier, the deadly blades were used in 100 crimes a month over the same period.

As violent crime surges across the country, and even faster in London, the long blades, designed for chopping undergrowth, appear to be a weapon of choice for criminals in the UK, which is governed by strict gun-control laws...”

Palestinian Analyst Claims ‘Holocaust a Lie’ Perpetrated by Jews ‘In Collusion with Hitler’

April 16, 2018 Breitbart.com reported: “The Holocaust was a ‘lie’ made real by Jews who colluded with Adolf Hitler in order to bring ‘settlers to Palestine,’ a Palestinian political analyst has claimed.

The incredible, untested assertion was made by Hani Abu Zeid the day before Israel marked its annual Holocaust Remembrance Day when the country pauses to remember the six million European Jews murdered by Nazi Germany.

It came during an interview on Palestinian television, transcribed by Middle East Media Research Institute, a Washington-based press media monitoring group. Here is a transcript:

‘The [Israeli] soldier, the officers behind him, and even the Israeli war [sic] minister, and above him, Netanyahu should stand trial as war criminals,’ said Zeid, referring to Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

‘The accumulation of cases, one after the other... The Israelis will end up shedding tears of blood [out of regret] for their current conduct. They used to cry about the false Holocaust in the days of Hitler, the scope of which was not that large. I’d like to point out...’

The interviewer, who was not identified, agreed before adding, ‘The [Holocaust] is a lie that they spread worldwide.’

‘Yes, it was a lie, and many Israelis, or many Jews, colluded with Hitler, so that he would facilitate the bringing of settlers to Palestine,’ Zeid said.

Holocaust denial is nothing new, however it is becoming more mainstream in parts of the Middle East and Europe...”

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